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SUBJ: GOI STATEMENTS ON DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER

REF: JAKARTA 9390

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1. JAKARTA DAILY KOMPAS AUGUST 2 CARRIED AP STORY REPORTING THAT GOI MINISTER OF STATE FOR RESEARCH SUMITRO HAD SAID THAT INDONESIA BY 1985 COULD HOPE TO POSSESS "NUCLEAR POWER." SUMITRO QUOTED BY PRESS AS SAYING INDONESIA'S NUCLEAR POWER WOULD BE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, BUT THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF INDONESIA POSSESSING NUCLEAR WEAPONS WAS ALSO "NOT CLOSED." SUMORRO STATEMENT REPORTEDLY MADE FOLLOWING MEETINGS BETWEEN SUMITRO AND AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE MINISTER MORRISON IN CANBERRA.

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2. JAKARTA PRESS SATURDAY AUGUST 3 CARRIED STATEMENT

BY GOI FONMIN MALIK THAT WHAT WAS MEANT BY SUMITRO'S
STATEMENT WAS THAT INDONESIA BY 1985 COULD POSSESS "PEACE-
FUL NUCLEAR WEAPONS," NOT WEAPONS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.
MALIK EXPLAINED THAT ALL OF INDONESIA'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES
WOULD BE FOR PEACEFUL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL USES
ONLY, AND WOULD NOT "VIOLATE NONPROLIFERATION."
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3. COMMENT: SUMITRO STATEMENT AND MALIK "CLARIFICATION"
PROVIDE FURTHER INDICATION THAT NO FIRM DECISIONS HAVE
BEEN MADE BY GOI CONCERNING FUTURE INDONESIAN NUCLEAR
POLICY. SIMILAR CONFUSING AND CONTRADICTORY STATEMENTS
CAN BE ANTICIPATED UNTIL AND UNLESS TOP LEVEL OF GOI
(MEANING PRESIDENT SUHARTO) MAKES AN EXPLICIT AND BINDING
DETERMINATION ON THIS SUBJECT.
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